

Christ from our hearts than all the eternal things put together. It is self that impels men to reach out after everything that will exalt, enrich and gratify. Many indeed come to Christ, obey the ordinances of the church, try to follow the precepts of the Master with purely selfish motives, i. e., merely their own salvation. Such are not complete overcomers, even though they stand aloof from all worldly institutions, and deny themselves all fleshly gratifications; with such *self* is still enthroned in the heart, and not Christ. The complete enthronement of Christ implies the entire dethronement of *self*, both as to the things of this life, and that which is to come. Paul set forth this fact to the Corinthian church when he said: "And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity (love) it profiteth me nothing." I Cor. 13: 3. Christ came into this world and submitted to the death on the cross because he loved others better than himself, hence it is not possible to have the divine indwelling of Christ, the real presence and power of the Holy Ghost as long as we are living and working purely to save ourselves. A complete overcoming of *self* means as much love for our enemies as for our friends, as much love for any one of the nine hundred millions of heathens as for ourselves; such was the love of Christ, such is the love of some that forsake houses and land, home and friends for the benighted nations of the world. To such Christ has promised a joint heirship with himself. To such as are willing to lose their lives for Christ's sake and the Gospels. Mark 8: 35.

Oh, friends where do we stand before God, living in luxury, gratifying the flesh, while a hundred thousand human beings die every day without any knowledge of the Christ in whom we hope and rejoice for our own Salvation.

The Brethren Church has not a single missionary in the foreign field, and as far as I know does not contribute a single dollar toward the support of any, yet she claims to be the Church of Christ, having "the Gospel, the whole Gospel and nothing but the Gospel." Either her motto or her practices need changing. Which shall it be?

Let us all become overcomers, as Christ overcame, so that the many precious promises of the Bible may mean something to us.

He hath riches sufficient who hath enough to be charitable.—T. Brown.

To trust to luck is like fishing with a hookless line.

A WORD OF GOD TO THE JUST.

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The just shall live by faith. Rom. 1: 17.

There is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not. Eccl. 7: 20. If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. I John 2: 1.

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Heb. 4: 14-16. The Lord help us come.

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HANDICAPPED BY TOBACCO.

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The use of tobacco puts a serious obstacle in the way of the success of a young man. There is no employment to which it recommends him; there are many employments in connection with which it is a formidable or a fatal difficulty. The use of tobacco is rarely, indeed, a predisposing term in favor of a young man with anybody, while in many cases, even with those who themselves use it, its use is a decided objection, when any position of delicate trust is under consideration. It lowers, both directly and by association, in very many minds, the sense of soundness and strength which they wish to connect with a young man whom they are to encounter constantly in important relations.

Rarely, indeed, would any man, himself addicted to a temperate use of tobacco, recommend the habit as a wise and grateful one to a young man in whom he was interested. How many fathers would give this counsel to sons? How very many, on the other hand, out of their own experience, would give with great urgency the opposite advice? A man of good judgment, having reached mature years without the habit, very rarely takes it up. It is fastened on boys and young men in that period of crudeness and greenness in which they are mistaking the vices of their elders for their virtues, their errors for their excellences. A boy once gotten beyond this unripe age, so succulent of moral malaria, without the habit, finds nothing in it to appeal to his growing judgment and experience.

The expense of this habit is an impor-

tant and uncompensated burden on any young man. A wise economy is a universal condition of success. Here is an economy large enough to be in itself of considerable importance; one which in no way interferes with progress and self improvement; and one which tends to remove the temptations to indolence and wastefulness in many directions.

The funds which a young man addicted to the use of tobacco devotes to this end, are quite sufficient—if he is without wealth—to reduce seriously his chances of success in business; while this form of expenditure will often anticipate for him very desirable outlays for social and intellectual improvement. He often chooses between this one habit, with its unfavorable associations, and a large variety of truly valuable attainments to be won at a much higher rate.

QUALIFICATIONS OF A NURSE.

A physician, in speaking of the qualifications of a nurse, to a Pittsburg Dispatch reporter, said, among other things, that she ought to have her five senses, sight, hearing, feeling, smell, taste, in a healthy, active condition. Sight, that she may be able to read directions or read aloud to the patient, and watch the change of countenance. A quick sighted nurse will not need to wait until the sufferer has asked for anything in words. She will, from the motion of an eye, or the lips, or a finger, all in a moment know what is wanted. Hearing, that she may catch the faintest whisper, and not oblige the weak patient to exert the voice, and to repeat every request. Feeling, that she may detect any change in the heat or dryness of the skin of the patient, and not use any application which will either scald or heat or cause a chill with cold. Smell, that she may detect the least impurity in the atmosphere of the room, or in giving medicine, notice if there be any mistake. Taste, that she may not offer food unfit to be used, or good in itself, but cooked in such a way as to be disgusting to the patient. She should be an experienced cook, so as to prepare such food as the patient requires.

No wave on the great ocean of time when once it has floated past us, can be recalled. All we can do is to watch the new form and motion of the next, and launch upon it to try, in the manner our best judgment may suggest, our strength and skill.—Gladstone.

There are some men born with feelings so blunt that they can hardly be said to be awake during the whole course of their lives.—Burke.